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SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO PRES LOPEZ

REF STATE 36658

1. PRES LOPEZ HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HIS ANNOUNCING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN HIS FEB 20 SPEECH IN THE GENERAL TERMS AGREED UPON. PRES IS TAPING HIS SPEECH TODAY AND WILL INCLUDE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. SPEECH IS SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY 8:00 PM BOGOTA TIME FEB 20.

2. WE HAVE HEARD FROM SEVERAL PRIVATE SOURCES THAT PRES LOPEZ IS VERY PLEASED AND VERY IMPRESSED WITH PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION. THE OBJECTIVES WE SOUGHT THEREBY APPEAR TO BE ACHIEVED.

3. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION BY PRES OR FORNMIN THAT THERE IS ANY INTENTION TO JUXTAPOSE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJOR CHANGE IN CUBAN POLICY. I CANNOT GUARANTEE IT WILL NOT OCCUR, BUT I REALLY THINK CHANCES ARE SLIM. IN ANY EVENT, I SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO PROBE INTENTIONS OR CHANGE SCENARIOS WOULD CAUSE US TO LOSE HEAVILY IN TERMS OF EFFECT AND IMPACT WE HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED AND OF OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOC.

4. I HAVE INFORMED PRES AND FORNMIN THAT WE WOULD PARALLEL ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ONE IN WASHINGTON AT APPROX SAME TIME OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADVANCE TEXT AND TIME OF
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